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TOKYO-(AP)-THE COMMUNIST PEIPING RADIO SAID TONIGHT AMERICAN PRISONERS REPATRIATED AT PANMUNJOM HAVE BEEN "JAILED IN LUNATIC HOSPITALS" BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO PRODUCE "THE SO-CALLED ATROCITY STORIES THAT UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS DEMANDED OF THEM."

THE PROPAGANDA BROADCAST, MONITORED IN TOKYO BY RADIO PRESS, SAID SOME OF THE "JAILED" AMERICAN REPATRIATES HAD SUCCEEDING IN HOLDING THEIR OWN PRESS CONFERENCE AND HAD VOICED THEIR DISGUST AT THE AMERICAN PRESS FOR PRINTING ATROCITY STORIES.

THE BROADCAST SAID BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR TOLD OF GOOD TREATMENT IN NORTH KOREAN AND CHINESE CAMPS UPON THEIR RETURN TO ENGLAND. AMERICAN REPATRIATES FROM NORTH KOREA "ARE NOW JAILED IN LUNATIC HOSPITALS IN PENNSYLVANIA," THE BROADCAST SAID.

"EVEN THE NEW YORK TIMES AND BALTIMORE SUN HAVE PROTESTED AGAINST THE TREATMENT OF 34 REPATRIATES WHO HAVE BEEN LABELLED 'MISFITS,' SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT AND BANISHED TO MILITARY HOSPITALS AS MENTAL CASES.

"THIS TREATMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN AS A RESULT OF THE REPATRIATES' REFUSAL TO PRODUCE THE SO-CALLED ATROCITY STORIES THAT THE UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS DEMANDED OF THEM," THE BROADCAST ADDED.

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